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PATENT
Docket No. 10235/4

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Yoshihiro SATO

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For: Method for Retaining Minute
Droplet, Reacting and Reaction Vessel

Group: 1634

Examiner: Forman, B.

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Madam:

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2002, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants respectfully request entry of the present Amendment and reconsideration of the above-identified application. Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge the requisite fee for a one-month extension of time, or to credit any overpayment, to Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600. It is respectfully requested that the following amendments be entered to place this application in condition for allowance.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE TITLE:

Please replace the title to read: --A Method for Conducting PCR Protected From Evaporation--

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following to the specification on page 1 paragraph one:

--“This application is a 371 of PCT/JP98/02389, filed on May 29, 1998.”